

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 856

Short Title: Road Rage/Increase Penalty. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pierce, Farmer-Butterfield, and C. Graham (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 13, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSAULT COMMITTED AS AN ACT OF ROAD
RAGE MAY BE CONSIDERED AN AGGRAVATING FACTOR FOR PURPOSES OF
SENTENCING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 15A-1340.16(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
read:

"(19c) The offense is an assault under Article 8 of Chapter 14 of the General
Statutes that is committed as an act of "road rage." For purposes of this
subdivision, an assault is committed as an act of "road rage" if the assault:

- a. Is committed by the operator of a motor vehicle against an operator
or passenger of another motor vehicle, an operator of a bicycle, or a
pedestrian; and
- b. Occurs on a highway."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to
offenses committed on or after that date.

